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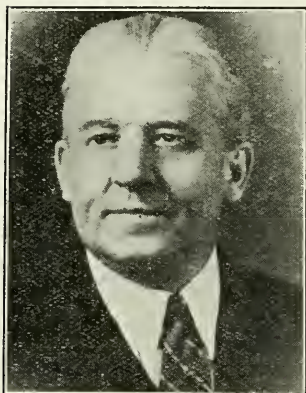
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THE ADVICE OF CHURCH LEADERS IN POLITICS

CAUTION, patience, saneness on the part of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the midst of political turmoil and upheavals is the advice of Church leaders.

This is not "mixing in politics." It is not denying Church members their inalienable right to be citizens of the land in which they live, be it the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, or any other land; it is not advising them to hold aloof from political parties, nor telling them what their political convictions shall be.

Elder Melvin J. Ballard of the Council of the Twelve recently headed a party of Church leaders on a quarterly conference and auxiliary convention tour of the stakes of the Church in Canada. He, with the other members of the party, were in the Dominion Province of Alberta while a political campaign was being waged. It was the legislative campaign.



ELDER BALLARD

There were three parties in the field. One ticket was headed by a man named Aberhart, who had been carrying on a radio campaign. Aberhart's speeches over the radio, Elder Ballard said, were comparable in their wide appeal to the radio addresses in "the States" of the Rev. Father Coughlin.

Aberhart's campaign was based on his "Social Credit" proposals. Elder Ballard described the plan, as nearly as he could analyze it, as a plan to give every voter a credit slip, worth at least \$25 (£5), backed by the wealth of the Province. In his campaign Aberhart attacked and was antagonistic to capital and "big business." His most direct and most effective opposition came from the Edmonton chamber of commerce, which issued a pamphlet essaying to point out the error of Mr. Aberhart's proposals.

As aforesaid, the campaign was raging in all its political fury. On the ticket with Aberhart were four members of the Latter-day Saint Church, standing for his principles. On the "conservative" tickets, too, were Latter-day Saint Church members.

And here was an Apostle of the Church. No public address could dodge the issue, for it was literally on everybody's lips.

Caution, patience, saneness, counselled Elder Ballard, in an address to members of the Church and the public generally in a session of quarterly conference.

"And if Mr. Aberhart's ticket wins," said Elder Ballard, in effect (and it did—swept the province three to one), "let the members of our Church in legislative capacities be sane, be wise and exercise an influence for good government."

There it is, counsel given without offence in political matters—caution, patience, saneness.

The experiment, said Elder Ballard, will be watched in the Province of Alberta by every citizen, regardless of religious affiliation, with great and unusual interest.—(From *The Deseret News*.)

"BE YE THEREFORE PERFECT"

By ELDER RULON S. WELLS

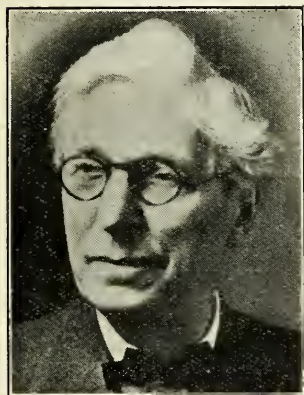
OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTY

I RECALL a very important passage in that matchless sermon delivered by the Saviour of the world upon the Mount: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." That is the true goal towards which every true follower of Christ should strive.

There are two things that are positively essential to the attainment of that goal. They are: First, "The Free Agency of Man," and second, "The Knowledge of Good and Evil." They are fundamental with us. These two things are positively essential to the attainment both of perfection and salvation itself; but whether we shall reach that goal or not depends entirely on the use we make of them.

These two things are God-given attributes. We inherited them from our divine parents.

Our first venture in the application of these attributes occurred in the Garden of Eden. The Lord planted a garden in the east of Eden with wonderful trees, among which were the "Tree of Life" and the "Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil," and we read:



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And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Genesis 2: 15-17.)

Partaking of the fruit of the "Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil" was forbidden; not because this knowledge was undesirable. On the contrary, it was very much to be desired, for without it man could not become perfect; but because the Lord intended that man should exercise his own free agency with which he had been endowed, thus causing him to assume the full responsibility for his own acts be they good or evil; and knowing the dangers that await all those who have thus been endowed, and the disaster that comes to those who fail, the Lord forbade him and gave him full warning that the failure of his venture, should it so be, might not be attributed to divine intervention. Adam and his posterity must now assume full responsibility.

The sin of Adam consisted in yielding to the temptation of the devil and breaking God's commandment; therefore he and his posterity must suffer the penalty, which was death. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6: 23.)

The result of partaking of the fruit is set forth in Genesis 2: 22: "And the Lord said: Behold the man is become as one of us, to

know good and evil." And now lest he should put forth his hand and partake also of the tree of life and live forever in his sin He drove the man out of the Garden and placed Cherubim and a flaming sword to guard the way to the tree of life—another marvellous tree, the fruit of which is eternal life which God in His unbounded love bestows upon those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Two wonderful trees bearing wonderful fruit—both are good and are designed for the perfecting of God's children. To me they appear as figures of speech.

Rulon S. Wells

FOR three years (1896-98) the *Milennial Star* bore the name of Elder Rulon S. Wells as editor. At that time Elder Wells, author of this article, was president of European and British missions. Several of his sermons have appeared in the *Star* since then.

Elder Wells was born in Salt Lake City, July 7, 1854, the son of President Daniel H. Wells and Louisa Free. He fulfilled his first mission in Germany (1875-77), and was ordained a member of the First Council of Seventy, April 5, 1893.

First: The tree of knowledge of good and evil, the fruit of which is implied in the name of the tree—the "knowledge of good and evil." This is a figure denoting the spirit of Christ or the light of Christ.

Second: The tree of life, the fruit of which is also implied in the name of the tree "Eternal Life." God's greatest gift to man, but not while under the bondage of sin, for Cherubim and a flaming sword still keep the way to the tree of life. And what is this tree that bears such precious fruit?

This figure denotes the "Love of God."

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16.)

Again in the Book of Mormon—1 Nephi 11: 25—it is given definitely that the tree of life is the "Love of God."

The fruit of the tree of life is sweet beyond all comparison. The fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil is bitter because God gave unto man that he should act for himself and choose between good and evil. This is the "bitter cup" of an earth life experience. We are told in 2 Nephi 2: 15-23, that their needs must be opposition and that there could have been no progress had not Adam transgressed by partaking of the forbidden fruit.

Furthermore, the divine purpose would have been defeated for there would have been no posterity. "Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy." (2 Nephi 2: 25.)

But what could the knowledge of good and evil avail us if we were not free to choose and how could we choose, without that knowledge? There is no virtue in doing good under compulsion; and likewise there is no vice in doing evil under compulsion, and without knowledge of good and evil there could be no sin; for where there is no law, there can be no condemnation.

What a tremendous undertaking and what a perilous venture for mankind! To have a knowledge of good and evil and be endowed with freedom to act according to our own free will.

I have read of the perils of the sea and have greatly admired those dauntless voyagers and early explorers who sailed out into the great unknown—the boundless and uncharted ocean.

But these dangers and perils are as nothing when compared with those encountered by man when he launched his barque or set his sail for his voyage upon life's sea.

"Paddling your own canoe" is a noble undertaking. Having our free agency and a knowledge of good and evil might be a simple affair if there were no opposing winds; but the devil came also with all his temptations, allurements and deceptive lies to entice men to sin and lead them away from God.

In order to get a clear understanding of the dangers and perils of our earth life experience, consider the havoc and disaster wrought upon mankind as a result of the conflict between the forces of good and evil. Think of the murder of Abel by his brother Cain and the curse of the Almighty that fell upon the latter and his posterity as a result; think of the wickedness of the world in the days of Noah. Consider the "great world war" and the millions of lives that were sacrificed.

Thus wickedness grows rampant in the world until the earth is ripe for the hour of God's judgment when "all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble and I will burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that wickedness shall not be upon the earth."

THIS is indeed a gloomy picture of the great conflict which is still raging in the world, and one might well be struck with terror if there were not a brighter side. But God has provided for our full safety and a successful voyage across the perilous sea of life. He gave us holy commandments and warned of dangers ahead. He pointed out the right way and He warned against the wrong way; but He used no compulsion; He let us choose for ourselves because his plan is to prove us and see "if we will do all things whatsoever the Lord our God shall command us." But what is most important of all, he gave us a Pilot who knew the reefs, the rocks and the shoals of the sea, who commanded the waves and the winds and they obeyed. "For God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16.) All things whatsoever the Lord our God shall command are embodied in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore the path of safety is: Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, repent and be baptized everyone of you for the remission of your sins, and get the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands by servants of God who have been commissioned of Jesus Christ to perform these sacred ordinances.

To believe in Him is choosing the good—to repent is rejecting the evil, therefore: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." (James 4: 7, 8.)

This is the proper use of these two divine attributes, the "Free Agency of Man" and the "Knowledge of Good and Evil," with which God has endowed us and which are positively essential to the attainment of our goal—perfection.—(Adapted from a sermon delivered at the 105th annual conference in the Tabernacle at Salt Lake City.)

STORIES FROM THE POST BAG

By Elder Conway A. Ashton

THROUGH the iron gratings of the basement windows one can see into the "book room" at British mission headquarters at 5 Gordon Square, London. The books and manuals, a patchwork of colour in ladder framework of green metal shelving, occupy one whole wall. Grey blocks of *What Is Mormonism?* and three brown stacks of *What Others Say*, are among white packages of other pamphlets in a two column unit of shelves on the north wall. The valuable Bibles and other leather bound books are behind the dull gleaming doors of the steel cabinet in the corner.

Books—pamphlets—hundreds of tedious gummed seals and award stickers—string—paper! Not much fascination there. A lifeless task, one may think. But the orders tell so many stories.

Elders in Kidderminster have ordered 40 copies of the Book of Mormon since June conference there. Ten M Men pins were sent to Kidderminster in July. There were not that many M Men a year ago. Besides Sheffield, Birmingham and London districts have begun to order more M Men pins. Doncaster branch has asked for genealogical manuals and sheets lately; they must have a healthy class.

There is a red leather ledger book which shows some Sunday School facts. There are seven *Instructors* between North and Southwest London schools. One recent order which found its way to the book order files shows that a new Sunday School is under way at Plymouth. The first square-edged M. I. A. manual with an M Men black shield on a cream cover went to Burnley; they have marshalled forces there already. Sister Marion Barrett keeps Hull district Primaries full of life. A recent order from her indicates that it will take 31 new manuals and 1,150 stickers of reward to keep pace with new activity since holidays are over. Disposal of 180 Bee-Hive pins since January reveals a thriving organization. One who thumbs through the order letters notices that Hyde and Sunderland branch Gleaner Girls need seals occasionally. The files show, too, that Dublin branch usually orders the first copies of Relief Society lessons, and that every member owns a copy.

Five hundred copies of the *Plan of Salvation* and *Doctrines of the Church* have been spread abroad in South Wales from Pontypool in the past few months. And last month Supervising Elder Joshua Rallison sent for 200 more. Early in the summer some 12,000 tracts left the Foggo Printing office of Liverpool for Monmouthshire. The folder of Welsh correspondence shows that ten large blue and gold copies and 15 black missionary copies of the Book of Mormon went out in March. They were to be on display in windows of Pontypool booksellers.

There is a series of letters in the file of Manchester district disclosing the work of the faithful lone star missionary. "Will you kindly send me the following pamphlets and tracts: . . . for which I enclose remittance. Thanking you and with kindest wishes, I remain your sister in the Gospel, Anna Higginson, Winsford, Cheshire."

Prosaic words, perhaps, but five letters in seven months show that 326 pamphlets have gone to Sister Higginson, and that together the letters order enough tracts to supply almost half of the people in Winsford with one. Wherever the true Latter-day Saints are, they will tell the restoration of the Gospel.

SIGNS of activity in other fields where the Gospel is being preached come to the mission bookstore. Brother R. T. Lawley sent an order for an *Article de Foi* for a friend of his in Belgium. Three *M. I. A. Songs* have gone to Sweden. The other day a *What Is Mormonism?* was sent out to a young doctor in Constantinople. A returning missionary met him on the boat.

Netherlands mission has asked for six copies of the Book of Mormon in English. They wanted them in a hurry. And another letter has come from the same mission. An English *Voice of Warning* is to go to Den Herr P. Vlam in Dutch East Indies. These two letters from President T. Edgar Lyon of Netherlands mission add a wonderful story to the collection of the mission bookstore.

"Dear President Lyon, please send me some Church literature—some copies of the Book of Mormon and *Voice of Warning*." That was the word from Brother Vlam. Before the shipment had time to reach the Indies, another order arrived. "Dear President Lyon," he wrote, "I am requesting that you send me the same number of books that I ordered before. I have already sold those which are coming to me."

Picturesque island of Java, which trails down from the Malay peninsula and points across the top of Australia somewhat below the equator, holds the city from which Brother Vlam writes. Heavy rains and fertile volcano dust make this tropical isle of 622 square miles matted with vegetation, from the tops of volcano cones down to the Indian ocean and the Java sea. Golden yellow-complexioned, dark-eyed, and with coarse, straight hair, the native Javanese are of Malayau stock. The Balinese of Bali, an island off the tip of Java, are brothers of the Javanese. Their name has an interesting resemblance of the Biblical priests of Baal. Many of the natives have changed their Mohammedanism for Christianity. Christian missionaries teach the natives. And the other white people find a common purpose in Christ. It is to this group that Brother Vlam has introduced the distinctive principles of Mormonism. No place on earth is too remote but what the Gospel can penetrate. President Lyon unfolds the story:

Brother Vlam was associate editor of *Der Ster*, the Dutch *Star*. He was once president of a branch at den Helder in Holland. He has never remained in one place very long, however. A Lieutenant engineer commander of the Royal Dutch navy must change his residence frequently. Once he was transferred to Winterhur, Switzerland to supervise the construction of submarine motors. He soon took root in the new place and sent out messages of the Gospel. While there he was set apart as branch president in the Swiss-German mission.

Brother Vlam and his wife have always been active in preaching the Gospel. And so when they were transferred again to

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1935

EDITORIAL

THE OCTOBER GENERAL CONFERENCE

A GENERAL CONFERENCE of the Church is an event of interest to all the Church, even though some of us are so far away from Salt Lake City that we cannot attend. However, we can enjoy the fruits of the conferences, for they are sent, in part, at least, to every mission.

The conference this October will be held under conditions more favourable than have prevailed in recent years. The Church is in a flourishing condition. Most of the members are faithful and devoted; economic prosperity is returning and the people are feeling more optimistic both materially and spiritually. The growth of the Church continues unabated both in numbers and in influence. During recent months its organized boundaries have been extended to the shores of the Atlantic, the Pacific and the islands of the sea by the organization of stakes in New York, California, and the Hawaiian Islands. And the end is not yet. Other stakes far beyond the limits of Utah will be organized.

But better than the expansion of Zion by the organization of stakes and wards is the growth of the influence and respectable standing of the Church. Perhaps the best recent illustration of this is the dedicatory exercises at the Hill Cumorah, July 21, when, in the presence of a great throng of people, Judge S. Nelson Sawyer, Mayor of Palmyra, delivered a welcoming address in which he said: "I say to you today that we people of Palmyra welcome you with open arms. God bless you and keep you and speed your work as well as ours." And in the course of his remarks Mayor Sawyer further said: "From a proscribed people, its people (Latter-day Saints) are among those honoured throughout the land, honoured because they have served not only their God, but their land. From these people have come the best of our leaders."

And those words from the Mayor of a city from which persecution forced Joseph Smith and his few followers about 105 years before! But times have changed. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." The fruits of Mormonism are known, more or less, all over the world, particularly in North America. And the spirit of toleration, more prevalent now than then, is forcing men to see truths now to which they were blinded then. But it is primarily the fruits of Mormonism that have produced a changed attitude. Every informed person in America can now see with Judge Sawyer that "from those people have come the best of our leaders." Undoubtedly Judge Sawyer was thinking

of Senator Smoot, a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, Ambassador Clark, now first counsellor to President Grant, and many others.

A good Latter-day Saint must be a good citizen, loyal and true to his country, to his employers, to his family and friends and to all his associates and obligations. He must keep himself physically, mentally and spiritually fit, in so far as it is possible for him to do so. If he observes the Word of Wisdom, a divinely given law of health, he will be free from many physical ailments. If he keeps the two great commandments, named by Jesus when He was among men, he will keep himself mentally and spiritually fit. And these requirements are incorporated in Mormonism. To live by them will be to produce fruit that all may see, and seeing they must admire.

It is living according to the teachings of Mormonism that has made a people from which "have come the best of our leaders." Apostle Smoot, President Clark and hundreds of other leaders in American life owe their leadership to living their religion. They will readily certify to this fact.

A few years ago President James H. Moyle of the Eastern States mission of the Church (he is now Commissioner of Customs of the United States Government and is responsible for administering the custom laws of the country), speaking in a General Conference, said the faithful Latter-day Saints in his mission were holding their jobs, notwithstanding many other employees were being discharged, due to the slackness of the depression. And why? It was not because the employers were consciously favouring the Mormons but it was because the employers were compelled to lay off some of their men. Naturally they retained the best. And it was Mormonism, a living religion, that made the best.

The fruits of Mormonism are being observed more and more in all lands where Gospel converts live their religion. Thus the Church is being more and more respected. Let every Latter-day Saint remember that to the extent of his influence he has the good name of the Church in his keeping.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

ELDER BALLARD'S ADVICE

"CAUTION, patience, saneness" was Elder Melvin J. Ballard's counsel to the saints living in Alberta relative to the exciting political campaign recently conducted there, as related in an article on page 626 in this issue of the *Star*. This counsel expressed the policy of the Church with respect to all political, civil and governmental questions. The Church does not attempt to dictate in these matters. Saints are free to act according to their best judgment. But we repeat the counsel that in all matters calling for personal action the saints think and study, and pray for divine inspiration that they may act wisely.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

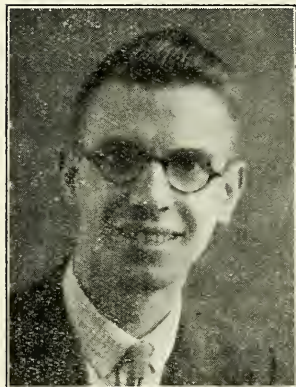
LEADERS IN THE MISSION

President Herbert S. Millard of Bristol District

By ELDER M. NEFF SMART

“THE Sunday when we first attended meeting was in September and by November we were both asking for baptism. We had to wait, owing to the river being in flood, until February, and then we took an excursion to Birmingham and were baptized at Handsworth chapel.”

Those are the words of President Herbert S. Millard of Bristol district which explain how he and his wife entered membership in the restored Church. Since his baptism, February 2, 1930, Brother Millard, with the encouragement of his faithful helpmate, has proved himself worthy of the calling of district president, to which position he was set apart February 17, 1935 by President Joseph J. Cannon.



PRESIDENT MILLARD

The worth of the advice of Jesus to His apostles, James and John, “And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all,” is symbolized in the life of Brother Millard. He began his career as a public servant when he was 16 years of age by accepting the position of assistant organist in the children’s Sunday evening service of the Congregational church. From this position he advanced to organist, Sunday School teacher, Band of Hope leader and Young Worshippers Union leader in that organization. In the brief five years as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints he served in the Mutual, in the

Genealogical Society and as Bristol branch president before being set apart as district president.

Despite the fact that Brother Millard’s parents, John Henry Millard and Elizabeth Annie Powell Millard, were members of the Church, it was not until he was 26 years of age that he recognized and embraced the Gospel. It was an experience related by Brother Millard’s aunt that caused him to investigate Mormonism thoroughly. Her name is Mrs. H. G. McLean, now a member of Liberty ward, Salt Lake City, and her story to him concerned the power of the song “Do What is Right” in solving a problem which had arisen in a Relief Society meeting. Her testimony to him also included an incident in which her husband figured. Brother McLean, in an administration, promised a woman who was “sick unto death” that she would live to bear her testimony in the Tabernacle. The promise was fulfilled within a few days.

Brother Millard’s promise to his aunt that he would attend a

sacrament meeting led to acceptance of the Gospel. He often expresses his gratitude to Brother Henry E. Neal, Bristol branch president and now his counsellor in the district presidency, who patiently explained the principles of the Gospel to him both while he was investigating and after his baptism.

Brother Millard was born April 22, 1904 in Regent street, Newton, Bristol . . . in a house only a few steps from where he now resides. He received an elementary school education, and since he was nine years of age he has entertained a keen interest in music. He could play several pieces on the piano before he began taking music lessons. He started working for examinations of London College of Music when he was 13, and obtained a first-class certificate for the intermediate stage and passed the advanced intermediate before his work made it impossible for him to continue toward his objective—the cap and gown. However, music is still a favourite hobby. He plays the viola as well as the piano.

Bristol District

ONLY a few days after his conversion by Elder Wilford Woodruff in Ledbury, Herefordshire (March 21, 1840), Elder Thomas Kingston, who had been superintendent of both preachers and members of the United Brethren, established a branch of the restored Church in Bristol.

All of the 600 members of the United Brethren, save one, were converted by Elder Woodruff, who was the first missionary in Gloucestershire (the northern section of what is now Bristol district.)

Bristol district now includes branches at Plymouth, Cheltenham and Bristol.—W. J. A.

Six years of courtship rewarded Brother Millard with his charming wife, whose name was Gladys Annie Fry. She became Mrs. Millard April 24, 1926. Before their marriage they worked together in auxiliaries of the Congregational church. Upon becoming members of the Church they served on a committee for preparing the preliminary programmes in the local Mutual. Their cooperation in other lines of endeavour is expressed by Brother Millard: "Wherever I have chosen to work, she has always been at my side." They have been blessed with two children, Robert Stephen Henry, eight, and Ruth

Lillian, four.

Brother Millard was promised in his patriarchal blessing that he should enter the rooms of the sick and that the Lord should bless his administrations—a promise which has been literally fulfilled and which has strengthened his testimony of the power of the Priesthood. Sister Elsie Bryant of Bristol was healed almost instantly after he administered to her, at a time when doctors could give her no relief. She suffered from vertigo. Sister Muriel Beams was also miraculously relieved from pain caused by a dislocated vertebra when she was administered to by President Millard.

President Millard's gift of healing through the power of the Priesthood was once demonstrated within his own family when his son, Robert, was severely burned on the back and arms. After he had gone without rest for three nights because of pain, he received immediate and complete relief under the administration of his father.

The Word of Wisdom and the law of tithing are favourite sermon subjects of President Millard. "The Word of Wisdom is adapted to all who are, or who can be called saints," is one of his oft-quoted sentences. His love for music often prompts him to take for his texts the words of Latter-day Saint hymns which he aptly applies to everyday life, stressing the practical side of the lessons taught in them.

BROTHER MILLARD, whose occupation is clerking in the district offices of a firm of retail butchers, sees in the M. I. A., and especially in the M Men department, a valuable instrument for building the membership of the Church in Great Britain. His aim is to provide Bristol with an active group of M Men.

Even before Brother Millard became a member of the Church he made a personal resolution to always do his best to carry out any command given him by some one in authority, and upon this foundation he has built. Since his baptism, he has made constant progress in Church work. He was ordained a deacon, April 10, 1930 by District President David P. Huish; a teacher, November 6, 1930 by Elder Lester H. Belliston, and an elder by Mission President A. William Lund, December 6, 1931. He was called to serve as branch president in April, 1933. In each of his offices he has served faithfully and well and his call to the district presidency came as a result of his continued efforts to follow the advice of the Master: "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

General conference (106th semi-annual session) of the Church will convene at the famous Salt Lake Tabernacle October 4-6 under the direction of President Heber J. Grant. The first conference in the Tabernacle was held Sunday, October 6, 1867, only a few days after the vast structure was completed. Shaped like a large overturned bowl, the Tabernacle is 250 feet long and 150 feet wide, and has a seating capacity of nearly 10,000 (see cover). In the future all autumn conferences will be held on the weekend nearest October 6, Church authorities announce.

Winner of the annual award of \$1,000 (£200) presented by American Society for the Advancement of Science is Dr. Vern O. Knudsen of Hollywood stake High Council, professor of physics, chairman of physics department, and dean of graduate study of University of California at Los Angeles. This year 1,200 technical papers were

submitted, and the 102 scientific societies which met at Pittsburgh each selected a paper to recommend to the award committee. Out of these Dr. Knudsen's paper, "Absorption of Sound in Gases," was chosen the most meritorious.

Appointed by the First Presidency, Elder J. Spencer Cornwall of Salt Lake City is the new director of the famous Tabernacle choir, succeeding the late Professor Anthony C. Lund, who died in Salt Lake City, June 11. Elder Cornwall has studied conducting with leading American artistes and has organized and directed several choral groups in Utah. He attended Latter-day Saint high school, University of Utah and Columbia School of Music. He has been director of Y. M. M. I. A. music for six years. In collaboration with the late Elsie Talmage Brandley he composed the music to "Ode to Youth" and the M. I. A. operetta, "Where There's a Will."

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Java, he soon had a sacrament meeting and a Sunday School in his home. He was set apart to do regular missionary work and was authorized to perform ordinances of the Church. Now he and his devoted wife have developed almost a mission of their own. Brother Vlam has found time to translate English instructions for Dutch auxiliaries. He has been working on *The Leadership of Joseph Smith*. President Lyon tells one feature of Elder Vlam's work: "By joining a society of Christian officers, he secured entrance to various homes and those contacts in time led to an invitation to explain the principles of the Latter-day Saints to a group in a lodge of Theosophists."

Elder Vlam reported the visit to President Lyons as follows :

Soerabaja, Java
East Indies

DEAR PRESIDENT LYONS :

Last Thursday I held my lecture on "Mormonism" in the lodge hall of the Theosophists. There were forty people present in addition to Sister Vlam and me. Sister Vlam and I had fasted and prayed, and with great anxiety and trembling the great moment arrived. But the Spirit of the Lord helped me in rich abundance. I felt that I was but an instrument in the Lord's hands. The meeting lasted from 8:30 until 11 o'clock—my lecture and some preachments until 10:30, and discussion for an half hour, in the greatest of harmony. Questions were asked and answered as well as we could. The audience was very attentive, and many Gospel conversations have resulted from this evening. I secured orders for five copies of the Book of Mormon, and therefore am requesting that you send me ten copies of the Book of Mormon and ten copies of the *Voice of Warning*. I have been invited to return again next month and give a further explanation of some of our teachings. Their invitation was given spontaneously and with hearty support of the members of the lodge. I am certain you can imagine how Sister Vlam and I rejoice in this success, and how thankful we are that we are able to sow seeds of the restored Gospel.

Sincerely your brother and sister in the Gospel
PIETER AND HENNIE VLAM.

The mail bag of the bookstore never fails to carry a story, and the stories tell how word of the restoration of the Gospel is reaching the people of the world. In England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and foreign lands the activity of the Church is woven into interesting fabric by the files of the bookstore. The tales of individual initiative, intelligence and zeal appear there.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES

MANCHESTER district conference will commence Saturday, October 5, at 5 p.m. in Rochdale Town hall. Services Sunday will begin at 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., President Joseph J. Cannon being the principal speaker.

Burnley branch hall, Rose Grove, Burnley will be the scene of Liverpool district conference, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 12-13.

WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

APPROXIMATELY 700 persons, more than 600 of whom were non-members, crowded New Royal theatre, Pontypool for the evening session of Welsh district conference, Sunday, September 22. Some 2,500 people visited the Health Exhibit sponsored by the Mission in the Town hall during the previous three days (*Star* September 26.)

Conducted by District President Richard C. Thomas, the evening session included talks by British Mission President Joseph J. Cannon, Dr. James L. Woodruff of Los Angeles, California, his daughter, Constance, and Elder Henry R. Pearson. In his remarks, President Cannon pointed out many reasons why Joseph Smith was not an impostor or of sick mentality but a prophet of God. Music was furnished by the Abersychan-British Talywain Cooperative Choral society and the Mission M Men quartette (Elders Alma M. Porter,

Gilbert R. Langton, James S. Astin and Elvon G. Jackson, directed by Elder Bertram T. Willis).

Speakers during the afternoon meeting, conducted by Brother William A. Perry, were Elders Alva L. Thomas and Walter J. Eldredge and Sisters Elizabeth Cornwall and Elise Mace. The M. I. A. slogan was demonstrated with a sketch by Elder Bertram T. Willis, Christopher Roberts, Harold Roberts and Sisters Muriel C. Huxtable and Naomi Thomas. Sister Nora Dance rendered a vocal solo and the M Men quartette furnished a number.

In the morning services, which followed the testimony meeting, Supervising Elder Joshua Rallison and Elders Ralph W. Hardy, Horace L. Hulme and J. Ridge Hicks spoke. The district Singing Mothers and M Men quartette provided the music.

"Man Is That He Might Have Joy" was the conference theme.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Stimulants—Appearing in September issue of *Fortune*, elite monthly, is an article entitled "Alcohol and Tobacco." Some excerpts from the article read: "He (man) takes poisons as tonics and he takes poisons to put himself to sleep. But most perversely—and most regularly—he takes poisons for pleasure; to wake himself up in the morning, to refresh himself during the afternoon, to remove his inhibitions at night, and to help him laugh at any time. This class of poisons includes coffee, tea, alcohol and tobacco—the social poisons. . . . Even in mild concentrations nicotine's lethal qualities extend their effects throughout the animal kingdom. Moisten a rod with nicotine and hold it in front of the nostrils of a mouse and the mouse will die. Give a man 60 milligrams of nicotine, says Dr. Emil Bogen, pathologist of the Olive View Sanatorium in California, and the man will probably

die too. . . . Three cigarettes dissolved in water would probably be lethal to anyone who swallowed the brew."

Carrots—Dr. Edward Podolosky, authority on diet, says in *New Health* magazine: "The carrot is among the most valuable of vegetables. It contains not only the important vitamins in abundance, but even the substances which are later converted into vitamins. It is a great food for the lessening of the chances of infection. Eaten in abundance, the carrot is one of the most valuable of all foods. . . . Onions are definitely among the most healthful and popular of all vegetables. They are always desirable as an addition to meat dishes and salads. Onion soup is one of the best morning dishes that has ever been devised. From the standpoint of taste and health-giving properties there is scarcely a bulb vegetable which approaches the onion."

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Doings in the Districts: Liverpool—Nearly 80 persons attended Liverpool branch services at Kensington Cooperative hall Sunday, September 22, to hear the remarks of President Joseph F. Merrill and Sister Emily T. Merrill, who were visiting from European mission headquarters at London. The meeting was conducted by Branch President E. George Patey.

Primary children of Liverpool branch enjoyed their Homecoming social Thursday, September 19, at the home of Sister Edna Gardner, district Primary supervisor. Sister Edna Currin, Primary teacher, was in charge. Games were played and refreshments served.

Bristol—Forty-three persons, including 31 non-members, attended the Plymouth branch Harvest Festival services Sunday evening, September 8, in the branch hall. The programme included selections from the Primary and Bee-Hive quartettes, a Primary duet and talks by Supervising Elder Gordon K. Ashley, Elder C. Van Noy Stewart and Sister Maggie Mavin. Members and friends of the branch contributed to the imposing display of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Funds realized at the food sale the following Monday will be used for giving Primary children a picnic.

Prospects are bright for Plymouth branch M. I. A., following

the recent opening social, which was attended by 52 persons. Principals on the programme were Master Rodney Powell, Miss Sheila Powell, Miss Barbara Elliott, Sister Maggie Mavin and Elders Gordon K. Ashley and C. Van Noy Stewart.

Fifty-seven persons, 45 of whom were friends, attended Plymouth branch conference in the branch hall recently. Speakers were District President Herbert S. Millard, Super-

vising Elder Gordon Kearl Ashley, Elder C. Van Noy Stewart and Sister Maggie Mavin. The theme of the conference, conducted by Branch President George R. Firby, was "The First Principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Organized two months ago with Brother Robert J. Huxham as superintendent, Plymouth branch Sunday School has shown an average attendance of 22 persons for the past month.

Hull—Songs, recitations, a tableau and playlets by Bee-Hive Girls, Gleaner Girls and the Adult department featured the Hull branch M. I. A. concert and social in the branch hall Wednesday, September 11. The affair was directed by Sister Elsie Walker, with Brother A. E. Ransom as stage manager. Scenery effects were provided by Sisters Elsie Spain, S. Twidale and G. Griffiths. Brother Walter Yull was master of ceremonies for games. A branch M. I. A. dance was con-

Genealogy Conference

APPROXIMATELY 150 saints and friends participated in Sheffield district genealogical conference in Sheffield branch hall, Sunday, September 22—almost exactly 112 years after the visit of the Angel Moroni to the Prophet Joseph Smith in which he promised the coming of Elijah "to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers."

Speakers at the sessions, conducted by Sister Dora Bargh, district genealogy supervisor, included Elder Conway A. Ashton, Mission genealogy supervisor, and his assistant, Brother Ira W. Mount of London. During the afternoon officers and teachers related faith-strengthening experiences in searching records. A sketch, "The Treasure Chest," written by Brother James R. Bargh, was presented in the evening.

ducted in the branch hall Friday, August 30, and Thursday, September 5, M. I. A. officers and teachers enjoyed a meeting and supper at the home of Sister Elsie Walker, Y. W. President Helen Bryant conducting.

New officers of Hull branch M Men are planning a busy season of sport, study and social activity. Elected Wednesday, September 18, the club leaders include James Thorpe, president; Ted Twidale, vice-president; Jackson Thorpe, secretary-treasurer, and Harry Nicholson, athletic manager and trainer. Already an M Men constitution has been drawn up.

Birmingham—Sparkbrook branch Sunday School held an entertaining outing at Swanhurst park, Birmingham, Friday, September 6, 48 children and adults attending. Games were played and all went on a motor-boat trip on the lake, which was followed with refreshments of ice cream and cakes. Superintendent William J. Dyson was in charge.

Sheffield—"Milestones in M.I.A." was the theme of a programme introducing the new Mutual work in Sheffield branch hall, Thursday, September 12. Progress of M.I.A. during the past 20 years was depicted with music, speech and drama, participants being Brothers Harry Smith, Herbert Bailey and John Snow and Sisters Rose B. Bailey, Rita Hardy, Hilda Mann and Martha Smith. Special numbers were provided by the Gleaner Girl chorus,

and Bee-Hive Girls presented a playlet, "Daughters of Israel." Refreshments in M. I. A. colours were served. The affair, attended by 52 persons, was directed by Y.M.M.I.A. President Harry V. Bailey and Y.W.M.I.A. President Rose B. Bailey.

Primary children of Sheffield branch were entertained at a Homecoming party in the Branch hall recently. Directed by Sister Rita Hardy, Primary president, the activities included songs and games and "tea," 25 children participating.

Newcastle—With a fixture arranged, Middlesbrough branch M Men are entering football during the autumn and winter, under the direction of President Albert Atkinson. They opened the season by defeating Hinton's shop, 8-1. The M Men commenced their autumn activities with a conjoint social with the Gleaner Girls, Thursday, September 12. Branch President James Thompson officiated at the programme, which included songs, monologues and novelty numbers. Sisters Ada D. Miles and Nellie Thompson were in charge of the catering. Sixteen M Men and 14 Gleaners attended.

Skelton branch M. I. A. opened its new season with a social in the branch hall, planned by Y.M.M.I.A. President Sidney Featherstone and Y.W.M.I.A. President Ethel E. F. Rudd. A feature was the sale of luncheon baskets, the proceeds going toward M.I.A. dues.

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